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## PPR's Domination of the Army

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- 1. The BP PPR regards the Polish Army as a party instrument. It maintains its control of the Army by filling top echelons with officers who are susceptible to party influence. The ideal general, from the BP point of view, is a man without independence, ambition, or specific capabilities as a leader. Such a man is less likely to rebel against PPR authority, or to enlist subordinate officers in a concerted attack upon the PPR or the UB. General Berling, commander of the Kosciuszko Division in 1944-5, was redieved of his command because he was independent, well-liked by his troops, and antagonistic toward the PPR and the UB. Marshal Zymierski, Commander in ( of of the Polish Army, is neither liked by his troops nor by the nation. He phowever, a purfect tool for the PPR which elevated him to his command and belies upon his grateful subservience.
- 2. The ranks of the Polish Army are recruited largely from the farms. An obsequence of the Polish Army are recruited largely from the farms. An obsequence of the Polish Army must be exercised through monopoly of top commands, either by PPR members or by Seviet Army officers. Jucob Berman, Secretary of the 1. stated that "..we will keep Soviet personnel in all places where there is even a shadow of doubt about the loyalty of higher officers." The following data regarding the location, composition, etc., of various Polish Arm, units show a prependerance of Soviet officers in ranking positions.

## Polish Army Units

- 3. 1069 Artillery Regiment -- Krakow
  - (a) Organization: Two line battalions and one supply battalion. Each of the line battalions comprises three batteries of three companies each. One of the batalions has a howitzer battery. The sup ly battalion centains the commanding officer's company, a communication sempany, medical, ordnance, and quartermaster units, and an officer for education and politics.

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- (b) Armament: 105mm howitzers and 76mm guns, both types of Soviet manufacture. The 76mm guns are modern, have automatic locks, fire 20 rounds per minute, and resemble pre-1939 Polish anti-tank guns. The howitzers are obsolete.
- (c) Strength: 560 officers and men. The commanding officer is a "very cautious pro-war colonel." Only two of the remaining officers were commissioned before 1939; the others are former non-commissioned officers and cadets. Eighty percent of the regiment's non-commissioned officers are illiterate. The regiment contains no Soviet citizens, but one officer and two dom-commissioned officers are reportedly paid by the USSR.
- (d) Organisational Vehicles: 44 motor transports and two light cars.
- 4. 6th Armored Battalion -- Krakow: Battalion headquarters were recently transferred from Rakowiecka Street to #1 Pedchorasych Street.
  - (a) Chief of Intelligence -- Maj Majtszak
  - (b) Chief of Physical Training Capt Mutiev (Sovies, presently in the USSR)
  - (c) Intelligence Officer Lt Bernacki (Soviet)
- 5. 13th Engineer Battalion -- Krakow: Attached to the 2067 Infantry Division as divisional engineers.
  - (a) Commanding Officer --- Capt Klak
  - (b) Executive Officer -- Lt Wojewoda
- 6. 2nd Air Force Regiment --- Krakow.

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- (a) Commanding Officer -- Col Korzenwnikow (Soviet)
- (b) Chief of Staff -- Capt Czak
- (c) Adviser to Chief of Staff -- Maj Tomaszewski
- (d) Strength -- 800 men
- (c) Armament -- 30 anti-aircraft guns, JAK-9 type; two 20mm carmon; 12mm machine guns.

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- 7. 27th Infantry Regiment -- Klodzko: Three companies of the regiment were detached recently to fight the UPA in eastern Poland. Regimental troops are young boys still in the trainee stage.
  - (a) Commanding Officer Maj Zygmunt Chuszczak
  - (b) Political Deputy -- Maj Larkowski (Soviet)
  - (c) Intelligence Officer -- Capt Siwkow (Soviet)
  - (d) Strength -- Two battalions of approximately 600 mon each.
- 8. 26th Infantry Regiment -- Jaroslaw: Col Zwelinski, Commanding Officer, was transferred recently because he stated during a parade, "Do not fear that we are Red; give us a helping hand." Three companies of the regiment, which had been stationed in Lubaczow under the command of Capt Ensewicz, left recently for an undetermined destination. They were replaced by the 8th Regiment of the Pomeranian Division.
- 9. 8th Tank Regiment -- Tarnow:
  - (a) Commanding Officer -- Col Michalowski
  - (b) Political Deputy -- Maj Madej
  - (c) Chief of Staff -- Lt Col Smeredenko (Soviet)

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10.	1st Warsaw Engineer Regiment Number 2697, Brzeg: It is active in clearing the district of mines. Its surely, finance, ordance, and transport officers are Poles.
	(a) Commanding Officer - Lt Col Zerczynski (Soviet)
	(b) Deputy Commanding Officer - Lt Col Kluczynski
	(c) Political Daputy - Capt Bojnal 25X1
	(d) Educational Officer - Lt Abste:
	(e) Chief of Staff Maj Hiedwiediew (Soviet)
	(f) Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations - Maj Drelin; (Soviet)
	(g) Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy 2nd Lt Szlache ankowski
,	(h) Quartermaster Capt Misiura
	(i) Intelligence Officer - (rank unknown) Romanov (Soviet left the regiment 30 May 47)
	(j) Strength — 52 officers, 26 professional non-commissioned officers, 79 non-commissioned officers, 672 men.
11.	5th District Motor Pool Krakow, 81 Grzegerzecka Street, 25X1
*	(a) Commanding Officer Capt Strasser 25X1
	(b) Deputy Lt Styrylski
12.	5th District Truck Company - Krakow, 25X1
-	(a) Commanding Officer Capt Konopka
	(b) Deputy Lt Bryginowicz
	(c) Political Deputy Lt Smietanka
	(d) Strength — 180 men
	(e) Vehicles - Approximately 120 cars of all types. 25X1
13.	5th Anti-tenk Battalion Jaworzno: scheduled for transfer to Krakow.
14.	DOW 4 (Dowodztwo Okregu Wojskowego Military District Command) Wroclaw: DOW 4 area includes an underground explosive dump, located four kilometers southwest of Zielonka village in Broog District. The dump occupies approximately 12 hectares an is accessible by motor road.  a DOW 4 car, loaded with books, passed through Wroclaw on its way to Jelenia Gora.  25X1
15.	DCW 5 Krakow:
	(a) Quartermaster Col. Gronowski (Soviet)
	(b) Chief, Motor Transport Section Col Drogan (Soviet)
16.	12th WOP (Frontier Guard) - Klodzko: A part of the 1 th Sudecka Infantry Division Half of the 12th WOP's officers are Soviet. Its communications company is composed entirely of Soviet troops.
	(a) Commanding Officer Lt Col Michniewicz (Soviet)
	(b) Political Deputy Lt Col Reczmarski

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Polish Army Operations in Soviet Territory

The following incident lends credibility that Polish Army units have been employed against the UPA in Soviet territory. Shortly after Gen Swierczewski's death, large columns of Polish troops from the Poznan Divisions passed eastward through Krosno toward the Soviet frontier. It was officially announced that the troops would be used against the UPA. Convoys were guarded closely by the UP and MD, and not even railroad employees were permitted to approach the ears. The troops disappeared completely at far as further identification on Polish soil is concerned. The general assumption is that they catimed on into Soviet territory.

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